

House File 702 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 46)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying the sales tax holiday by extending the holiday
2 and including disaster preparedness supplies.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 423.3, subsection 68, paragraph a, Code
2 2023, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. (1) The sales price from the sale of ~~an article of~~
4 ~~clothing~~ all of the following:

5 (a) Clothing designed to be worn on or about the human body
6 ~~if all of the following apply:~~

7 (b) Disaster preparedness supplies.

8 (2) This subsection applies if all of the following apply:

9 ~~(1)~~ (a) The sales price of the article item is less than
10 one hundred dollars, except for items categorized as general
11 supplies or fastening supplies, which may equal or exceed one
12 hundred dollars up to a maximum of five thousand dollars.

13 ~~(2)~~ (b) The sale takes place during a period beginning at
14 12:01 a.m. on the first Friday in August and ending at midnight
15 on the following Saturday Sunday.

16 Sec. 2. Section 423.3, subsection 68, paragraph c,
17 subparagraph (1), unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2023, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 "Clothing" means ~~all~~ an article of human wearing apparel
20 suitable for general use.

21 Sec. 3. Section 423.3, subsection 68, paragraph c, Code
22 2023, is amended by adding the following new subparagraphs:

23 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (03) "*Disaster preparedness supplies*"
24 means items that may be used in preparation or response to
25 a disaster and means general supplies, fastening supplies,
26 food-related supplies, and safety supplies.

27 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (003) "*Fastening supplies*" means bungee
28 CORDS; ropes; duct tape; boat anchors; fenders, anchor chains,
29 dock lines, or similar devices; tarpaulins and other flexible
30 waterproof sheeting; and ground anchor or tie-down kits.

31 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (0003) "*Food-related supplies*" means
32 artificial ice, water storage containers, manual can openers,
33 and bottled water.

34 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (00003) "*General supplies*" means
35 batteries commonly used by a household, except automobile and

1 marine batteries; cellular telephone batteries and chargers;
2 satellite telephones; self-powered light sources; portable
3 self-powered radios; two-way radios; weather-band radios
4 including national oceanic and atmospheric administration
5 radios; gas or diesel fuel containers; nonelectric food storage
6 coolers; portable generators; and storm shutter devices.

7 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (04) "*Safety supplies*" means carbon
8 monoxide detectors, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and
9 first aid kits.

10 EXPLANATION

11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
12 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 This bill modifies the sales tax holiday.

14 The bill adds the purchase of disaster preparedness supplies
15 to the existing sales tax holiday for clothing. The bill
16 defines "disaster preparedness supplies" to mean items that
17 may be used in preparation or response to a disaster and means
18 general supplies, fastening supplies, food-related supplies,
19 and safety supplies. The bill further defines "general
20 supplies", "fastening supplies", "food-related supplies", and
21 "safety supplies".

22 As with an article of clothing, a disaster preparedness
23 supply item must be under \$100 to qualify for the sales tax
24 holiday, except general supplies and fastening supplies which
25 qualify if the sales price does not exceed \$5,000.

26 The bill lengthens the sales tax holiday from the period
27 beginning on the first Friday of August and ending at midnight
28 the following Saturday to the period beginning on the first
29 Friday of August and ending at midnight on the following
30 Sunday.